

REMARKS

The last Office Action has been carefully considered.

It is noted that claims 1-5 are allowed, and claims 6 and 7 are indicated as allowable.

At the same time, claims 6 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112.

In connection with the Examiner's grounds for the formal rejection of claims 6 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. 112, applicants have amended claim 6 to make it dependent on claim 5 and to eliminate the antecedent problem in this claim.

It is therefore believed that claims 6 and 7 should now be considered as being in allowable condition as well.

CLAIM TO PRIORITY

Applicant wishes to claim priority of a corresponding Swiss application, Ser. No. 2003/0678/03 filed on April 3, 2003. A claim to priority

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executed by the inventors is attached. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner acknowledge priority in this application.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

It is noted that the Applicant filed an Information Disclosure Statement with the filing of this application. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner acknowledge and consider the IDS so that the duty of disclosure will have been met.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

Respectfully submitted,



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